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International migration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant provisions on international migration contained in the outcome documents of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and recalling also the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo,[2] in particular chapter X on international migration, and the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution S-21/2 of 2 July 1999, in particular section II.C on international migration,

Recalling also its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 58/190 of 22 December 2003 and 58/208 of 23 December 2003, in which it decided to devote a high-level dialogue to international migration and development during its sixty-first session with the aim of identifying appropriate ways and means of maximizing the development benefits of international migration and minimizing its negative impacts,

Reaffirming the obligations of all States to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, reaffirming also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[3] and recalling the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[4] the Convention on the Elimination of All

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[3] Resolution 217 A (III).

[4] Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

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Forms of Discrimination against Women[5] and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[6]

Recognizing the important contributions that regional efforts can provide to the high-level dialogue on international migration and development,

Noting the existing efforts in the United Nations system in the coordination of activities on international migration and the exchange of information on the subject,

Welcoming the fact that the special theme of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development in 2006 will be international migration and development,

Recalling that the question of convening a United Nations conference on international migration remains unresolved,

Acknowledging the important contribution provided by migrant flows to development, and aware of the increasing importance that countries of origin, transit and destination attach to international migration,

Noting the rights of all migrants and their obligation to respect national legislation, including legislation on migration,

Aware that, among other important factors, both domestic and international, the widening economic and social gap between and among many countries and the marginalization of some countries in the global economy, due in part to the uneven impact of the benefits of globalization and liberalization, have contributed to large flows of people between and among countries and to the intensification of the complex phenomenon of international migration,

Stressing the crucial importance of international cooperation by countries of origin, transit and destination to optimize the developmental impact of migration globally and in realizing the benefits that international migration can bring to migrants, their families, the receiving societies and their communities of origin, and to ensure that migrant workers are not subjected to exploitative conditions of employment,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

2. *Decides* that the high-level dialogue on international migration and development, due to be convened during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, will take place over the course of not less than two days, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on organizational details of the high-level dialogue proposals for the preparatory activities, which may include holding panel discussions, dialogues with experts and intergovernmental consultations;

3. *Invites* all Member States and observer States participating in the high-level dialogue to be represented at the ministerial level, and urges the participation of the heads of United Nations agencies and other relevant organizations;

[5] Resolution 34/180, annex.
[6] Resolution 44/25, annex.
[7] A/59/325.

4. *Requests* all regional commissions to promote intergovernmental consultations on this matter in order to submit their results as a contribution to the high-level dialogue;

5. *Invites* appropriate regional consultative processes and other major initiatives undertaken by Member States in the field of international migration to contribute to the high-level dialogue;

6. *Stresses* the need to develop further the institutional framework in the United Nations system to improve the management of international migration, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this issue for consideration by the high-level dialogue;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue considering the issue of convening an international conference on migration and to report on this issue for consideration by the high-level dialogue;

8. *Notes* the adoption by the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization at its ninety-second session of the resolution concerning a fair deal for migrant workers in a global economy, which calls for the development of a non-binding multilateral framework for migrant workers in a global economy, to be considered by the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization in November 2005;

9. *Notes also* the establishment of the Global Commission on International Migration and the efforts of the Commission to propose a framework for the formulation of a coherent, comprehensive and global response to international migration, and that the final report of the Commission will be submitted to the Secretary-General in the summer of 2005;

10. *Calls upon* all Member States to promote and protect the rights of all migrants, and invites those Member States that have not already done so to become parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;[8]

11. *Reaffirms* the need to address the problems of refugees and persons who have been displaced arising from forced migration, including their right to repatriation, which should be settled in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[3] and relevant United Nations resolutions;

12. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to commission a study on the contributions made by migrants to the economic and social development of countries of origin, transit and destination, including an analysis of the impact of brain drain on the development of developing countries, to be presented before the high-level dialogue;

13. *Emphasizes* the need to consider means of facilitating the movement of persons in accordance with obligations undertaken in relevant international agreements;

14. *Reaffirms* the need to adopt policies and undertake measures to reduce the cost of the transfer of migrant remittances to developing countries;

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[8] Resolution 45/158, annex.

15. *Decides* to include the item entitled "International migration and development" in the agenda of the General Assembly on an annual basis, beginning with its sixtieth session;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.